

ERNEST FREDERICK AND ZELLA LAVON DAVIS PETERSON

Lehi Centennial History 1850-1950

Ernest Fredrick Peterson, son of Andrew Peterson and Sarah Emma Webb, was born December 13, 1903, the fifth child in a family of six.

He was blessed, baptized, confirmed, and ordained a Deacon by his father. He advanced to all the offices of the Priesthood, and served as teacher and officer in all the auxiliary organizations, was president of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association 1934-37, and chairman of the genealogical committee. He has been a registered scout of the Boy Scouts of America for five years, and block teacher for 14 years in the Fifth Ward.

He was ordained a Seventy October 27, 1935, by Rulon S. Wells, was a member and served as one of the seven presidents of the 68th Quorum of Seventy, and acted in this capacity until he was called to work in the bishopric. He was ordained a High Priest under the hands of Apostle Mark E. Peterson and set apart as first counselor to Bishop Warren L. Goates of Lehi Fifth Ward, November 24, 1946, in which office he is still serving.

He has served as Lehi Stake Mission president, and as Lehi City councilman for two years 1942-43. He was the first work director of the Fifth Ward in the beginning of the Latter-day Saint Church Welfare plan and has been engaged in this work from that time.

His occupation is farming and poultry. He married Zella LaVon Davis May 16, 1928. To this union were born four children.

Prior to her marriage, Zella lived on Provo Bench, now known as Orem. She is the daughter of Elwood Davis and Sarah Jane Millett, born May 9, 1911, in Orem, the fourth child in a family of six girls.

She was baptized and confirmed a member of the church when eight. She attended the various auxiliary organizations and was a Primary teacher and secretary in the Timpanogos Ward, Utah Stake. After coming to Lehi, she continued as Primary teacher and later was in the Presidency. She also has been a Stake Board member and in the Stake Primary presidency.

She was active in the genealogical committee as a teacher. During this time Junior Genealogy was started in the Fifth Ward. Teaching Sunday School was also included along with other activities.

In 1948 she was appointed coordinator in the Junior Sunday School. In this capacity she helped in starting the first fast meeting for the children in the Fifth Ward. Thus originated this movement in the Stake. She is a visiting teacher in the Relief Society.

Zella and Ernest are the proud parents of four children. The oldest, a girl, LaVon D., passed away at the age of six years. Nile Ernest, born January 3 , 1938, Boyd Lee, born November 8, 1941; Davis A., born February 23, 1946.